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TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING OF US OR UK DIPLOMAT IN  
ETHIOPIA

1. ON APRIL 26 AN INFORMANT TOLD THE OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL, HQS, ALLIED FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE THAT HE HAD HEARD ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF) WAS PLANNING TO KIDNAP US OR UK DIPLOMAT IN ASMARA OR ADDIS ABABA ON MAY 1. INFORMANT, WHO HAS CONTACTS WITH ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN ITALY, SAID KIDNAPPING WOULD BE AIMED AT BRINGING ATTENTION TO ELF STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE. INFORMANT NOTED THAT SAME ERITREAN CONTACTS FROM WHOM HE HAD HEARD KIDNAPPING PLANS HAD TWO OR THREE MONTHS EARLIER DISCUSSED ELF INTENTIONS TO STAGE A PRIOR KIDNAPPING IN ETHIOPIA. SHORTLY AFTER THIS DISCUSSION, INFORMANT SAID, A KIDNAPPING HAD INDEED OCCURRED, BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY VICTIM.

2. ABOVE REPORT HAS BEEN PASSED TO ADDIS AND ASMARA AND TO HMG. IT IS BEING PROVIDED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION. SISCO  
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